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SUBJECT: SAHARA: FUTHER GOA PRONOUNCEMENTS

1. PRESS FEB 18 CARRIES MESSAGES FGBM PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE AND FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA ON SAHARA. BOUMEDIENE ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO CHIEFS OF STATE OF NON-ALIGNED, SOCIALIST AND WESTERN COUNTRIES. BOUTEFLIKA'S MESSAGES WENT TO UNSYG, OAU SECY GEN, PRESIDENT OF UN "COMMITTEE OF 24" AND NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS.

2. THEMES OF TWO MESSAGES WERE:

A. MOROCCO IS AGGRESSOR IN SAHARA. MOROCCAN MASSACRE OF SAHRAOUI AND CREATION OF 40,000 REFUGEES IN ALGERIA HAVE BROUGHT TENSION IN REGION TO NEW HEIGHTS AND RAISED SPECTER OF GRAVE CONSEQUENCES. ALGERIA BY CONTRAST, HAS ACTED WITH RESTRAINT TO PRESERVE PEACE DESPITE THREAT THAT MOROCCO-MAURITANIAN AGGRESSION IN SAHARA MAY TURN INTO WAR AGAINST ALGERIA, ITS PEOPLE. AND ITS TERRITORY.

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B. POLISARIO AND SAHRAOUI PEOPLE HAVE PROVED THEIR DETERMINATION TO COUNTER RECOLLNIZATION AND MILITARY

OCCUPATION OF SAHARA.

C. INTERNATIONAL DECISIONS VIS-A-VIS SAHARA SHOULD
BE ENFORCED. WAY TO DO THIS IS TO GIVE SAHRAOUI SELF-
DETERMINATION THROUGH FREE AND AUTHENTIC REFERENDUM.

3. NOTABLE BY ABSENCE FROM LIST OF THOSE RECEIVING
ALGERIAN MESSAGES WERE ARAB STATES. PRESS COMMENTARY
FEB 18 NOTES AFP REPORT THAT ARAB LEAGUE SECY GEN RIAD HAS
CONTACTED CONCERNED AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO, AND HAS SENT
TELEGRAMS TO ALGERIAN, MOROCCAN, AND MAURITANIAN LEADERS
WITH COPIES TO OTHER ARAB LEADERS. RIAD, ACCORDING TO
REPORT COUNSELED RESTRAINT AND CALLED FOR CONSTRUCTIVE
DIALOGUE. WHILE WELCOMING THIS INITIATIVE, ALGERIAN
COMMENTARY SAYS RIAD'S MEDIATION WILL HAVE BETTER RESULT
THAN ITS PREDECESSOR'S ONLY IF POLISARIO IS CONSULTED
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